

MISSIONS PRAYER LETTER

Dear Missions Prayer Partner,

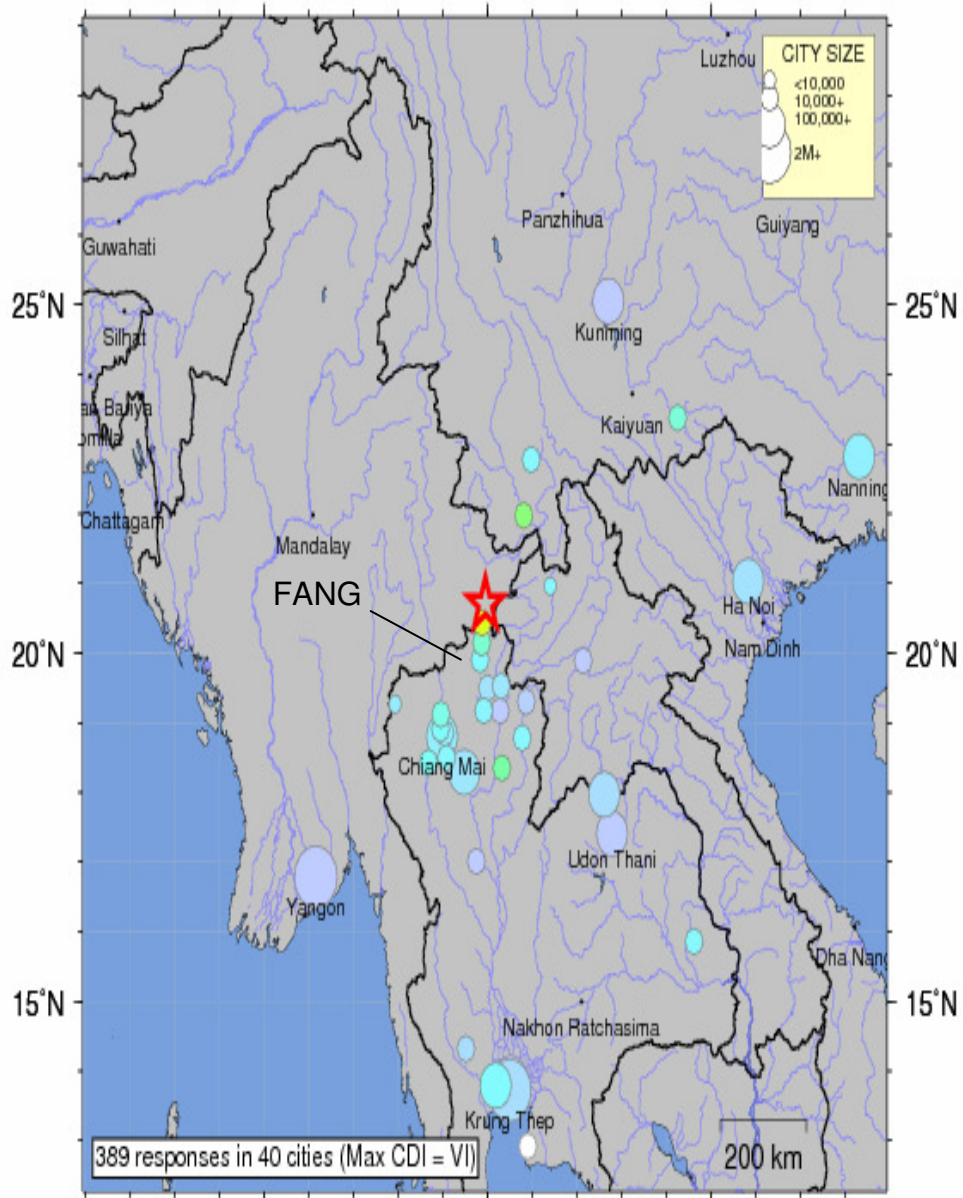
This is the first prayer letter prepared by the Calvary Missions Committee (CMC) to update you on the missions activities of our church, and the missionaries who are serving in our missions stations.

The objective of this letter is to keep the work of missions and the needs of the missionaries upmost in your minds so that you will uphold them in prayer. As church, the CMC has set aside every fifth Tuesday of the month to pray specifically for missions. The dates for mission prayer meetings in 2011 are 29 March, 31 May, 30 August, and 29 November. So I would encourage all of you to come and pray for the work of missions through our church.

NORTH THAILAND

Brother Jimmy has been ministering in Maepoon, North Thailand since February 2011. God willing, we will be applying for a long-term visa for him so that he and his wife, Mei-Feng can be our full-time missionaries there. Brother Chuan Yu left for Maepoon on 18 March 2011, and he will return on 1 April. Elder Mak will also be leading a team to Maepoon later this month.

On 24 March 2011 (Thursday), an earthquake, measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, hit eastern Myanmar. The epicentre of the quake is about 110km north of Chiangrai. Tremors were felt in Maepoon, where Jimmy and Chuan Yu were ministering to the children. In the map next page, one can see the proximity of Fang to the epicentre (noted by a star). Maepoon is in the mountains near Fang.



Prayer Requests for Maepoon, North Thailand:

- Safety and God's protection for Bros. Jimmy and Chuan Yu and the people in Maepoon;
- Speedy recovery for Chuan Yu's backache;
- Language classes (English and Mandarin);
- Successful application for long-term visa for Bro. Jimmy;
- Safety and God's protection for Elder Mak and team (30 March – 6 April);
- Youth Camp; and
- Long-term plan for Maepoon. It is our prayer that our Church will be able to develop Maepoon so that we can provide some basic services for the people there.

VIETNAM

Dn. Peter and Rev. Colin Wong were in Vietnam to train the local pastors. The training provided through the Vietnam Bible Institute (VBI) has expanded to include a second group of pastors. There will be three more training sessions in 2011 – (May, September and November).

Prayer Requests for Vietnam:

- God's grace for Preacher Phan and Hao as they cope with the workload of the ministry
- Provision of a place for the kindergarten. The present lease runs out in May 2011;
- God's grace and wisdom for the VBI lecturers (Pastors Ho Chee Lai, Isaac Ong, Jack Sin, Peter Tan and Colin Wong); and
- God's grace for the Vietnamese pastors.

SRI LANKA

Earlier in the year, our church raised some \$20,000 for the flood relief in Sri Lanka, when the coastal areas on the east were inundated by floods. Elder Charles Phua, together with Pastor Vijayenthiran and his team of local pastors were there to distribute basic necessities to the people who were affected by the floods.

We are in the process of re-registering the church in Colombo. Our previous application has been turned down because we had applied using the name “Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church.” The authorities said that no organisation could use the word “church.” We are now reapplying using the name “Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Chapel.”

Prayer Requests for Sri Lanka:

- God’s grace for Pastor Vijayenthiran, the session and his team of pastors: Jeyamoorthy (Hatton), Vijendran and Thayananth (Trincomalee), Sivaparan and Sujeendran (Jaffna);
- Spiritual growth for the church in Colombo;
- Speedy approval for the registration of the Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Chapel;
- Approval for the change of the church constitution;
- God’s strength and healing for Pastor Vijayenthiran who has been suffering asthma attacks;
- Spiritual growth for the mission stations in Hatton, Trincomalee and Jaffna; and
- God’s wisdom and guidance for CMC as we work out a long term plan for the missions work in Sri Lanka.

CHINA

Rev David Wong and I recently visited China to assess the work in China. I was moved by the zeal of the preacher and his congregation. It is true that we will never truly value what we have until we live under the fear of losing it at any moment.

Prayer Requests for China:

- God's protection and provision for the preacher and his congregation;
- God's blessings upon the ministry; and
- Preparation for the ordination of the preacher.

LOCAL MISSIONS

A missionary friend of mine, who is doing home missions, said this to me, "Why is it that the foreign sinner stirs us more than the sinner next door?" There are opportunities for missions even at our very doorstep. Singapore is a magnet for foreigners – students and workers. Look at the fields, they are white unto harvest, and we do not have to look very far. Our church is helping to minister to other churches in Malaysia and Indonesia; and nearer home, we have the evangelistic band and tracting sessions. The evangelistic band goes out every third LORD's Day of the month. That is also the reason why we started the GIFTS ministry – an outreach to foreign students in Singapore.

To encourage more participation in missions work, the CMC is asking the fellowship groups to propose a missions project which they will undertake for 2011-2012. Through this, we pray that members of the church will have a greater understanding of and burden for missions work. The fellowship groups will be presenting their proposals at the Missions Conference (10-12 June 2011).

Prayer Requests for Local Missions:

- God to stir up more people (you) to join the evangelistic band and tracting sessions;
- God to give evangelistic opportunities through these ministries;
- God's grace to minister in Malaysia and Indonesia: Bukit Gambir, Rawang, Kelepa Sawit, Batam;
- God's wisdom for the fellowship groups as they plan for the missions project;
- God's guidance as the CMC plans for the Missions Conference (10-12 June);
- God to send more people to attend the GIFTS meeting;
- God's wisdom for the CMC. The members are: Pastor Isaac, Preacher Alex Wong, Eld. Foong, Eld. Mak, Dn. Jeff Soh, Dn. James How, Dn. Yang Dehan, Dn. Peter Goh, Bros. Bendick, Chuan Yu, Joseph, Kenneth.

Please also find attached, our upcoming mission trips for this year.

Pray, plan and prepare to go.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Isaac
Calvary Missions Committee

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Date	Place and Purpose	Person in charge
30 March – 6 April	Maepoon, North Thailand to conduct a youth camp	Eld. Mak
13-19 April	Sri Lanka, to conduct Leaders' Retreat and to preach at the second anniversary of TRPC	Pastor Isaac, Bendick Ong
8-15 May	Sri Lanka, to teach at the Bible College in Batticoloa	Pastor Isaac
23-28 May	Vietnam, second training session for 2011	Dn. Peter Goh
13-20 July	Maepoon, North Thailand	Eld Mak
Mid-August	Sri Lanka, to conduct DVBS in Jaffna	Dn. Jeff Soh
19-30 September	Vietnam, third training session for 2011	Pastor Peter, Dn. Peter Goh
19-26 October	Maepoon, North Thailand	Eld. Mak
10-12 December	Choir Missions to Evangel BPC Malaysia	Bernard Moey